

HOUSE RESOLUTION 160

By Mitchell

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Glenn Mull, Elaine Mull, Amy Harter, and Samantha Harter.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness that the members of this General Assembly learned of the tragic plane crash on February 3, 2014, in Bellevue, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, on that fateful day, four members of the Mull family - pilot Glenn Mull, his wife, Elaine, their daughter, Amy Harter, and granddaughter, Samantha Harter - were travelling from Kansas to Nashville to attend the National Cattlemen's Beef Association Trade Show when the plane crashed, tragically killing all on board; and

WHEREAS, an experienced pilot, Mr. Mull was flying a Gulfstream 690C over Nashville when the plane missed its initial landing at John C. Tune Airport. While circling to make another attempt to land, the plane began to experience problems while over Bellevue, a community within Nashville-Davidson County, at the height of traffic and at a very busy time of day in the community; and

WHEREAS, Glenn Mull heroically put the plane down in a field behind the Bellevue YMCA, an act that saved the lives of an estimated three hundred people inside of the YMCA; and

WHEREAS, a pillar of the Kansas agricultural community, Glenn Mull was the owner of Mull Farms and Feeding Inc., and an active member of the Kansas Livestock Association and the National Cattlemen Beef Association; and

WHEREAS, Glenn Mull served others as a founding board member of the Pawnee Valley Community Hospital Foundation and was dedicated to improving healthcare in Larned, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Elaine Mull was an avid volunteer who served as a church pianist, worship leader, bible study leader, a Girl Scouts Leader, and K-State Foundation trustee. She formerly served as the Pawnee County Fair superintendent in reading, notebooks, posters, displays, and home environment, and as a county 4-H project leader in wildlife; and

WHEREAS, Elaine Mull was a member of the Fort Larned Historical Society, Larned Hospital Auxiliary, Modern Homemakers FCE, the Santa Fe Trail Center, Larned Music Club, Larned Garden Club, and the mentoring program, Apples of Gold; and

WHEREAS, Glenn and Elaine Mull had three children, Jennifer Ladwig and her husband, Walter, John Mull and his wife, Kristy, and the late Amy Harter and her husband, Doug, and five grandchildren, Chase Harter, Ava Mull, Walter Ladwig, Gabriel Mull, and the late Samantha Harter; and

WHEREAS, Amy C. Harter was also an owner and operator of Mull Farms and Feeding Inc., a sales representative for Tastefully Simple and Creative Memories, and an involved Pawnee County 4-H leader and board member; and

WHEREAS, Amy Harter will be dearly missed by all her friends and family, especially her beloved husband, Doug Harter, and her son, Chase; and

WHEREAS, sixteen-year-old Samantha Harter was a vivacious, joyful, and compassionate young woman who was a student at Larned High School where she was a member of the choir, Beginnings Musical Group, Forensics, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and the cheerleading squad; and

WHEREAS, Samantha Harter was very involved in 4-H and was a ten year member of the Gem Dandys 4-H Club, active in Pawnee County 4-H Day, and a Pawnee County 4-H Foundation member and junior club leader; her projects included shepherd's lead, clothing, goats, horses, foods, and photography, for which she won the Grand Champion Photography Exhibit in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Samantha's infectious personality will be greatly missed by all those she left behind, including her father, Doug Harter; brother, Chase Harter; grandmother, Marilyn Harter;

great-grandfather, Keith Mull; aunts, Jennifer Ladwig and Stephanie Wineinger; uncles, Stan Harter and John Mull; and cousins, Kyler, Troy, Brooke, Ava, Walter, and Gabe; and

WHEREAS, the loss of Glenn Mull, Elaine Mull, Amy Harter, and Samantha Harter weighs heavy on the hearts of all Tennesseans, and Mr. Mull's selfless and courageous landing of the plane in his final moments prevented further loss of life; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly wishes to express our deep sorrow at the loss of life, honor the memory of the fallen, and honor the heroic actions of Glenn Mull; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor the memory of Glenn Mull, Elaine Mull, Amy Harter, and Samantha Harter, and express our admiration for the courageous and lifesaving nature of Glenn Mull's final act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our condolences and extend our sympathy to the family of Mr. and Mrs. Mull and Amy and Samantha Harter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.